A

Communication,

Written by

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In union, & by the request,

of our

<u>Heavenly</u> <u>Parents</u>;

For the Order of Young Believers,

in <u>This</u>, the Zion of God, upon Earth.

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Short Address to the Elders.

by Father James.

O! ye *Shepherds* in the house of Israel! Ye *Watchmen*, placed by the holy anointing of God, to guard the gates of the outer Courts in this sac-red Temple! – Bow low your hearts, and lend a listening ear unto me, while I declare unto you the word and will of your heavenly Parents.

Lo! as my spirit was bowing in solemn fear; a holy proclaiming Angel came unto me, having a roll in his hand, which he read aloud as foll-ows. – "Ye messenger of God, arise, & hear the word of thy heavenly Father,

who hath spoken thro' his 2 anointed ones unto thee saying," — Arise; and go ye forth; clothed with the power and Wisdom of God, and write for us, our word and will, to the little flock, — even the nursery of our holy Vineyard upon earth. —

We have written unto our chosen anointed and received this answer — " The will of our heavenly Parents be done". —

Therefore ye faithful messenger, with the blessing of God, hasten to our call, for short is our stay and swift swift must be our work"!

Thus ye chosen few, in the valley of humiliation, surrounded by four holy Angels, do I write the following communication, unto your little flock; for with

Parental care, have we watched over you, and heard your fervent intercessions for the protection of those under your charge. Yea, and with an eye of sympathy, have we viewed you, witnessing a day, which e're long will overtake all those of your age and class in like manner; which is, The bereavement of faithful Parents in the gospel, who taught by their daily examples, Wisdom, Charity and Forbearance. — These, most richest of heavens graces, were so deeply implanted in their first Faith, received from their blessed Mother and Elders, That those who now enjoy their presence, cannot fail to pattern their Virtues.

How often have our heavenly Parents

wept with sorrow, to see the rising gene-
-ration turning from the paths trodden
by them, and walking in those of their
own choosing!

But with joy we find
in them a willingness, to turn from their
wide beaten paths, and walk with us, the
narrow selfdenying and sindestroying
way of the cross.—

Think it not strange, be-
-loved, that we have taken this way to
notice you; for lo! the holy Vi-lan-
sa-leen, governed by the mighty pow-
-er of God, and the hand of Wisdom,
are in truth visiting the earth! and
mortal reasoning, cannot comprehend
their doings! neither, saith the Lord;

" Shall the force of their power be stay-
-ed, untill my kingdom on earth, shall
be a Tabernacle, where on I can look with
pleasure, and dwell in with delight." —

So dear Children; know ye,
that your heavenly Father is mindful
of those who cry unto him with a dep-
-endant heart, and he will surely gath-
-er into his holy Order, every willing,
and obedient soul.

Receive ye with this
short notice, the love & blessing, of all
your heavenly Parents!

Father James, to the Elders. —

Part 1st

Words of Solemn Truth, & Warning!

Ye little flock, of your Mother's fold, tender vines in your Father's Vineyard! Hearken; hearken once more to the call of an invisible Friend, and receive into your hearts, whatever word, your heavenly Parents may communicate unto you. Yea I repeat dear Children, will ye once more hearken? - for lo! I am sent forth to declare unto you, words of solemn truth and warning, which never, never again ye will hear in time!

For thus saith the Holy One "My "spirit shall not always strive with the "rebellious, neither shall my word be a "prey for vain imaginations! - Have

„ I not opened the windows of heaven,
„ and poured my blessings unbounded
„ upon my Children? – Yea, and sent
„ faithful messengers of eternal truth, to
„ declare unto them my word & will?
„ And what has been the use made there-
„-of, and how have they been regarded!
„ Unto some I say; "Blessed are ye who
„ have received my word, and obeyed my
„ will." – But remember," ye who have
„ slighted this day of my visitation; soon
„ soon it will be out of your reach forever!
„ And that which you seemeth to have
„ gained, will be taken from you! –
„ Then will the shame of your naked-
„-ness appear, and you can no longer hide
„ from the sight of those who stand
„ justified before me, saith the Lord! –

„ For with sorrow have I viewed the
„ habitations of my — children upon
„ earth, seeing therein dwell together, the
„ just, and the unjust the precious and vile; Yea, &
„ workers of iniquity, even abide in
„ my holy sanctuary! For these things,
„ did the cries of my faithful ones upon
„ earth often ascend unto me, but I hear-
„ kened not unto their call, knowing the
„ days of my visitation, had not yet come.
„ At length did my 2 anointed Ones,
„ bow before my throne, saying:" — O holy
„ and heavenly Father, hearken we pray
„ thee, unto our cries! — Behold the heri-
„ tage of thy children upon earth! —
„ behold the land, whereon thou didst
„ plant a holy Church, in heavenly
„ Order and beauty! — And fashioned

" ity, even after thine own likeness! —
" *Behold*, we pray thee, and with
" compassion hear our cries; — lest when
" the days come, that those who have
" maintained thy *holy laws*, are no more,
" their little ones fall a prey to their
" enemies, their habitations become dwell-
"-ings for the unclean, and the streets
" of thy holy Jerusalem, become a barren
" *waste*, — a city of desolation!
" Then did I saith the Lord, speak
" by the voice of Wisdom, unto my
" 2 Anointed *Ones*, *saying*, "Arise,
" sound your trumpets, and call together
" the holy *saints* and *Angels*; that
" I may declare unto them my will.
" When they had assembled, and bowed
" themselves before the throne; I held

" forth to my 2 Anointed Ones, The Scep-
"-tre of mercy, saying—"Ye chosen ones,
" Sound again your trumpets, and thou
" ye twelve holy Angels—and faithful
" messengers of truth, as many as ye will.
" Then go ye forth again unto the
" earth and proclaim, unto my chosen an-
"-ointing, The will of your heavenly Father!
" And build ye again, the walls of my holy
" Temple, which by wicked hands have
" been cast down, and my Sanctuary poll-
"-uted by the unclean.—Go ye forth with
" strength and power; and I your heavenly
" Father will glorify your works, and sanc-
"-tify your labors, unto all who hearken
" to your word."—

Now my little Ones, (says
the writer) hearken again unto me;—

Long have these heavenly messengers been laboring in their Father's vineyard upon earth; to cast out the hypocrite, call home the wandering, and encourage the faint-hearted; – That his kingdom might again be adorned with increasing Beauty.

Yea, we have searched, and re-searched this Temple of God, (the first-Church and centre of his glory) – With that flaming light that nothing unholy can stand before it; or hide from its presence! And with the sword of truth, is the Idols and Idolatrous spirit laid low, that so long has been gaining a residence in the house of God. That heavenly Order in which it was first adorned, – is again beautifying her Courts, and glorifying her Inhabitants.

And are ye, who stand as represen-tatives of this holy Church, to the children of this world, prepared to show forth an increase, by precept and example? — Do ye honor your profession in word and work? and verify the testimony of your Faith — "We are not of the world! neither seek its honors riches or glory"? Do the world find in you a strict adherence to this testimony? Or do they find in you a spirit, as willing to speculate, and get the best of a bargain as themselves?

Some say, that they are not afraid to get all the money they can, and in any way they can; if they consecrate it to the joint interest; it is not for them-selves, &c. — Dear Children, you are

mistaken in this point; - trace it to the bottom, and you will find, that a selfish spirit was the prevailing influence; - and that same spirit will keep a particular watch over that part gained by speculation, feeling full liberty to dispose of it for his own particular accommodation: or the the private comfort of some one else.

Ye will say, " no one will ever find it out, I shall make returns of the stated value of my articles, - and what I can get over this I feel a just right to do with as I please! I ask; - Can any one do this without violating that Faith which their profession declares them to keep? - I say, nay - and if any of you

now within the sound of my voice, can do this thing in justification, - your faith, yea, I say faith, has become sear-ed with transgression, and if not, — speedily aroused, will sink into Death, and there remain, untill overtaken by sorrow, and bitter repentance!

Remember ye these words—
"Never was there a cent gained in any unjust manner, that was ever bless'd or prospered"— Tho' some may think in their hearts, that this is untrue, (who have escaped detection)— but know of a truth, that all ye have gained un-justly, from rich or poor, has purch-ased from your Souls, at a dear rate, that which the riches of this world can never reclaim!

I will tell you what I have heard the world say about these things:—

Says one,"— I dont see but the Shakers are as schemy— about getting money, and love to talk about it as well as we;— I dont see any hurt in it only they profess to be so much better than we are, I love to try their religion in some of these things."— Says another", they are very different from what they use to be,— You might as well have talked to God himself, as to think of getting an answer—about—Politics, trading— speculation, &c, as with one of their old Shakers!

But the young ones, are more enlightened,— not so superstitious, they like to improve their understanding,

by finding out what is going on among us;—

"This is all very well if they wouldn't profess to be so good!

Such like conversation, I have often heard with sorrow.— Look dear Children, Is this honoring your calling? Does it testify to the world, that ye are chosen out of it? and seek not its honours, glory or knowledge? Nay, will be the answer of every honest heart. Some say, it is necessary to have a degree of sociability with the world or they will not trade with you!— Is this true? Is it not more to please a carnal mind than any profit you expect to derive from it? Know ye of a truth, that the more separate you can keep from the

world, and do your duty, the more pros-
-perity will attend your dwellings, and
the more they will respect you.— They
will feel that fear of God from you, that
even your *presence*, will forbid that unn-
-ecessary freedom, which so often grieves
our spirits to *see* and *hear*.

Know ye not that they are robbers?
Yea *truly* so, not of *Silver* and *Gold*,
but that which is far more valuable,
even your justification.— O my
Lin *ce* ka *lin*, dri vies tre rim;—
We can no longer forbear declaring
unto you our will concerning these
things; for saith the Lord!

" "Proclaim ye my word thro'
" out the dwellings of all whom I have called,
" in this my Zion upon earth, that *all*

"may, (if they will,) be chosen and anoin-
"-ted heirs of my kingdom.
" For many there
" are, whom I have called, who are not yet
" chosen! Their names are not recorded in
" the covenant of life, neither are they num-
"-bered among my flock! Although they
" remain within the sound of the Shepherds
" voice, they hearken not unto their word,
" but turn a deaf ear to their calls!
" They seek earthly knowledge, rather than
" true Wisdom! Thus, unto such doth say,
" "hear ye my last proclaiming words,
" unto you! "Give ear unto my word,
" and reject not this call, — this Wis ka
" len, ja lill; — For lo! I will sweep my
" house, and Wis ka len, yea in haste,
" shall I gather my chosen under my prot-

" ecting arm, but those who continue to
" slight my warning voice, and judge
" my holy work, — depart, I say, depart
" or quickly turn before the door of mercy
" is closed against you! —

" For no longer will
" I be mocked and scorned, by those who
" draw near with their lips, when their
" hearts are far from me! — Know ye that
" the ground whereon ye stand is holy;
" and those who walk thereon must be
" holy, saith the Lord!

" So come all ye who delight to walk
" in my pleasant vallies, and drink at
" my fountain of living waters, partake
" freely of my heavenly gifts, and receive
" from my choicest stores, for the day of
" my visitation knoweth no man!

A Mother's Farewell Address!

Hearken dear Children, while I write unto you the word of your blessed Mother Ann! – For lo! in tribulation her spirit now calleth unto you, Thus!

My little Ones, ye Lambs of my flock; will, O! will ye give ear, unto me, yea unto me your Mother, once more!

It is the last, last time I shall thus call your attention; O give ear and understand, yea I say understand for how oft have my calls & solemn warnings, fell beneath your feet, unnoticed! – Yea and my precious gifts, treated as Idle tales, & vain phantoms!

O my little Ones, how oft have I viewed you enjoying the unearned blessings, that so bountifully were spread before you! even your temporal support:— Yet to all this you are welcome, heartily welcome, if ye will dear children, use them as not abusing them.

But how has my spirit been grieved, to see your sumptuous tables, your costly clothing;— and many extravagances, which I might mention, (but shall leave you to consider) — all so lightly esteemed! and the source from whence they came, so seldom called to mind!

Yea, my little ones, many times upon this very spot,

has my natural body been so fam-
ished with hunger, thankfully would
I have eaten the Crumbs, which now
I see wasted from your tables!

Think of this & be thankful to the hand, that thus has blest you. Yea be thankful, prudent and saving or these blessings will rise up in judgment, against you.

I have watched this little branch of my vineyard with a Mother love, and tender care; and often for the same have bowed to my heavenly Father, in humble prayer; that he would extend mercy, and withold judgment; — For with pity have I viewed you, as Children bereft of that

Parental instruction, which as yet, others of my little ones are blest with, for which their souls are filled with gratitude; Yea, daily do their thank-ful hearts bow to their heavenly Parents, for the still remaining few of my first born, and faithful Ones, who are yet permitted to remain with them.

Their examples of plainness, prudence, and economy, they now prize with increasing value, and thankfully do I see many pattering their gospel virtues.—

But with sorrow have I found in some of the rising generation, a self-sufficient spirit, who under a cloak

of making improvements, (as they call-ed them) have cherished an enemy greatly to their hurt! Yea, it has pro-ved an enemy to their souls, which has caused them many hours of tribulation, and before it is wholly rooted out, will cause some, many mo:

This would have increased much more among my children, had it not been for the incessant labor of the Lead against it; who have often cried to me in sorrow for the same.

Yea dear children, I have often look-ed upon you with an eye of compassion knowing your danger & exposure, of being led astray from a plain humble life; to that of pride & extravagance.

Do not look upon that which the world bring among you with a pleasing eye, and try to make some-thing as *near* like it as you can. For by this means, that uniformity which is the adorning of God's people has been greatly marred, - and *many* very many things have crept in which I do not own.

I often wonder how you can afford to *buy*, so much of your *clothing*, you *say* because it is *cheaper*; - Is this according to your best judgment of the matter? or is it not because you think it is prettier? The first *cost*, it is true may be cheaper, but does it *last* as long as that made by yourselves? — Will not one home

-made garment, nearly out-last *two* made by the world?

But how can you think that cloth made among the world, is *prettier* than that made by your *own* hands? I, don't think so, — neither do I love to see those who profess to belong to *one* family, dress so differently: So many *sorts*, *so* many *colours*— among your dress, and so *much* of it made among the world!

I have seen some of you dress'd up, without having *any thing* on but your *shoes* and *stockings*, of your own manufacturing! I want to see my children dress as near alike as possible; even the *world*, have noticed how differently your dress *appears*, from that formerly worn by Believers. — Do ye not know, how

greatly ye have conformed to the world in these things? — I have called you dear children to follow the examples of your heavenly Parents, and those gone before you; — rather than the forms & customs of the world! — How often I have seen your present lead, look at you with shame and astonishment! —

But for fear of offending, they have held their peace, but not their feelings from us! — I have heard them say — as you passed the streets, "What would Mother & the Elders, say to see such sights as these! I don't know what we shall get to, if we keep on — &c..

Yea, dear children, for many years past, ye have been following the forms & customs of the world,

in your dress, — manners, workman-ship, in and about your dwellings, yea in almost every thing, ye have strayed from that simple plainness, which is the adorning & true representation, of the humble people of God! —

I have even heard some, try to make use of their grand, & affluent speeches, that their faculties might appear to them more splendid — & accomplished.

These things do not beau-tify a humble cross-bearer in the sight of their heavenly Parents; nay, in no wise; — Peace, harmony, and heavenly Order; — surrounded by neatness & uni-formity, form a kingdom of beauty; which is a heavenly Paradise upon earth, and the requirement of all who

are numbered in this Zion of God.—

She invites all her children to walk in one strait & narrow path;— but how *few* the number, who are willing to walk therein; *Yea*, and how *few*, are willing to drink from the same cup of tribulation and sufferings, which we have drank of, and walk the same low valley of humiliation.

But know *ye*, as your holy Saviour said unto his Disciples. (except ye drink the same cup, which I drink of, ye have no part with me); thus, say I unto my children; *Ye* must indeed feel that mortification, & death to a carnal mind; that holy fire of truth, which will consume every evil work, and vain desire; or I cannot dear children,

clothe you with my pretty robes of innocence & purity and say in truth, you are mine."

How have I bestowed my precious gifts, without measure, upon the just & unjust, that all might, if they would, share freely, from one fountain; and all be left without excuse.

Many, many have in mercy bowed to my word, and now are flourishing plants in the heavenly vineyard, daily enjoying my blessing & love.

But those who have hardened their hearts, and turned a deaf ear; remember the day of my visitation is far spent and my work upon earth, fast drawing to a close; — and as this day passeth away, lo! another is at hand!

But O! Li vàc-le vo due sè le vìn,
O! my God, who shall be able to stand!
<u>none</u>, <u>none</u> but those who have bow-
-ed their hearts in humble subjection
to the order of God, now re-establishing
in this my holy Church," saith
" the Lord.
" Here I have set up a stan-
" dard of righteousness, here have I seald
" my name forever to stand!
" I have placed in the midst there
" of an altar, <u>whereon</u>, let no one pre-
" sume to <u>offer</u> save, those who have
" clean hands & pure hearts! —
" It shall be guard-
" ed by my holy anointing day & night,
" thro' the ages of time! I will give unto
" them power, to lay low, and subdue

"The artful reasoner who so long has
"sought its overthrow & destruction.
" Not one shall be suffered
"to remain within the inner Courts
"of my temple, who will not bow in
"holy fear to my anointing power,
"and keep my holy laws!
" This is the word that
"echoes, and re-echoes, thro' the heavens,
"from him, who is all powerful, holy
"& true!

And thus doth his holy trum-
-pet resound unto us!"

" "Ye chosen ones
"of my kingdom; return, return unto
"me, bearing with you an Olive Leaf of
"glad tidings; for lo! the work of your
"hands have ascended unto my Throne,
"with a sweet savor;

" And I behold now planted upon the
" earth, a growing *vineyard*, a heavenly
" *paradise*, which shall increase in
" *order* and *beauty*, untill we can say
" in *truth*, we can *see*, the Zion of
" our likeness established upon earth!
" *Thus*, in haste complete your
" work! — for lo! the *times* & *time* are
" already expired, the *Book* is unsealed,
" and my word, "Si na vac, O! lin
" va lie; the *holy* *time* I *leave*, to
" warn the yet *stupid* & *unbelieving*!

So O! my children *pre-pare*, *prepare* your hearts, for a visit-ation, that ye *now* know not of!

Many are the mysteries, which have been unfolded to you from the heavenly kingdom, — but *this*

even the Angels of God, know not of!

It will come like a thief in the night, and mortal power shall be consumed before it!

Thus, I say again prepare & receive ye this communication as the last warning of a tender Parent!

Those who have believed & received my word, their names I have sealed upon the sacred pages of heaven in the mansions of my love.—

And unto you who have heard my voice, and spoken the words of your heavenly Parents; hear ye this my holy word unto you!

Gather, gather down, yea still lower in the valley of humiliation, bow your

hearts in humble subjection to your visible lead, and often seek their help & protection:– If this, ye will do, ye shall there find me, and hear from them my word according to your needs.–

For lo! I have clothed my holy anointed, with a garment of wisdom, strength & power; of which they shall bestow upon the Shepherds of their flock, & anoint them with that protecting power, which will save all those who walk low, and feed around the tent.

This saith the Lord, shall be the order whereby I shall bestow my holy gifts upon my children:

For no more shall they be han-
-dled with unclean hands, and con-
-veyed by impure hearts to my cho-
-sen ones!

Do not, my little ones sink into
stupidity, & death, or let discourage-
-ment, find a place in your hearts;
This will rob your souls of that,
comfort which is for you, and
dishonour your calling.

Will any of you prove
traitors to my cause; after receiving
so bountifully from my hand?—
How hard-hearted & unfeeling must,
be such a soul!— Would to God,
my spirit, might never again be
grieved in this manner.

Final salvation is the work of each soul for themselves. Tho they may receive gifts & blessings to comfort & strengthen their faith; all this will not save, unless the heart is bent in subjection to the order of God, & a firm determination in the soul, "Never to flinch in the hour of trial.

Think not any of you, that the light & power of God manifested upon earth is going to decrease, nay in no wise; The lamp of eternal truth, that now shines in the temple of God, shall cause the hypocrite to tremble, and the false-hearted to depart! — So prepare ye your hearts & make ready your habitations! — Ask of my Anointed, true Wisdom which

shall teach you how to set your house in that order; which will represent a holy Church of God!

Then, when the children of this world come to see you, they will find that which bespeaks those who have separated themselves from the world and cheerfully forsaken the allurements thereof.

They will not find that which your testimony forbids; but on the other hand, will say,— "The half was not told me"— truly this is the chosen heritage of God, wherein he has placed his name.— Tho' dark and gloomy the way now appears, and tho' your ears are not greeted with the knockings of sin sick souls at your gates; fear not, they will yet flock as Doves to your windows, and with open mouths,

beg for the least crumb from your tables!

Why are ye distrustful? do ye think there is not a power able to melt their flinty hearts, and bend their stubborn knees? Ye have seen many wonders of God's power upon earth, which if rightly used may prepare your minds for that which is still more wonderful! For great is the wrath of God, against the wickedness of man; and with vengeance he will visit them, untill they shall acknowledge, that the earth, & all therein is governed by his mighty power, & visited by his judgments!

Now my little children, receive ye this notice, with a Mother's Love and a Parents blessing

And when the mighty hand shall wa[ve]
The justly chastning rod,
Remember then, my warning voice
And bow your souls to God,
For lo! the day will surely come
Se vàc len và len — vò,
When with his mighty, mighty hand
He'll lay the kingdoms low!

Thus ends the word of Mother Ann.

Closing remarks, by Father James.

Beloved Children, one and all; extend your patience yet a little longer, & I shall close my word unto you. I have written the foregoing communication, in the fear of God; and shall now commit it to my blessed Mother Ann, to do with, as her wisdom may direct, for the time of the reading thereof has not yet come.

Now says Mother, (to the writer) * "Thou hast been faithful to do my will & write my word; for which; as I told thee in the beginning, receive ye the blessing of your heavenly Parents." — I shall, (says Mother) enclose this book

* Meaning Father James.

in a wrapper, which I have written for one of my little ones, but this shall not be written, untill after the Book.

The means I shall take to convey it and the word concerning it, will appear mysterious but what I have written upon the wrapper will unfold the whole.

Now beloved Children, I commit the foregoing communication into the hands of your beloved Lead, to do with as they in their Wisdom may direct.

For lo! this is the word of God, and eternal life, written by divine Inspiration in union with my beloved, and first chosen on earth.

A Mothers Notice,

Written upon the Wrapper,

Which enclosed the foregoing communication.

For Sister Sally Bushnell, March 4th 1846. Friday.=

Yea, my little one, I have heard thee, and now ye may hear me;

It is thy Mother, thy Mother Ann, that speaketh=

Firstly I will tell thee concerning a Spiritual Book, which is here in enclosed;

This book was written in union with us, by your beloved Father James, for the order of Young Believers.

When he had finished writing he delivered the Book unto me:— Then did I say unto him; "I will enclose it in

a wrapper, which I have written for one of my little ones, (who resides in the order) and seal it with my love; but the instrument, whom I shall cause to hand it forth, shall not know ought concerning it, save unto whom the book shall be given, and unto whom it shall be delivered from their hands, for I have purposed, that it shall be read in my holy Church by whatever instrument the lead may appoint.

And when the time is expired for the book to be opened, I shall write unto the lead, requesting them to hand it forth and cause it to be written.

And upon the instrument who may be chosen for this sacred duty, I shall bring sufferings & tribulation of

soul, that their spirit may be subject to do my will in the solemn fear of God.

I have written the foregoing that the beloved Elders, may have an understanding why the book was thus given.

Now my little one, I have a short notice particularly for thee, for which I know thou wilt be thankful, as often I have heard thee say — "O that I could have something from Mother that I could see". Now ye will have something, and as often as ye read it, receive ye my love & blessing; for truly I do bless thee, and ever have, for thy perseverance in my holy work.

And altho' I have many times, caused thee to feel the heavy hand of tribulation; — know ye it was in love

to thy soul, that thy faith might be thoroughly tried upon the altar of truth, & prove to thyself and others, that it was founded upon a true & solid foundation.

Now my little one, I will tell thee something that may appear strange, but it is true, and ye will have to believe it, for no other mortal but thyself, ever knew it!

More than 20 years have rolled away since the circumstance took place of which I shall tell thee.

It was when the gay pleasures of time with their most enticing charms, were spread before thee, and all the allurements that this world could afford, were strewed in thy path.

Then did I place over thee a

guardian Angel, who often touched thy young heart with the hand of conviction which blasted for a moment, all prospects of earthly happiness.— But soon the vain allurer of youthful minds, would overpower this conviction, & excite thee again to taste the joys of time.

At one time when ye had returned from enjoying that, (which the world call pleasure)— Ye retired from the sight of any mortal being— I, thy Mother did look upon thee, & caused thee to feel that horror of soul, that made thy heart sink within thee, and pour forth the agonies of a condemned conscience.

The following were the

feelings of thy soul; "O! time, with all thy enjoyments, what art thou? what dost thou possess—worth pursuing? Nought but a continued scene of turmoil and confusion, sin & condemnation!

Thy joys are transient, leaving a sting behind, to torment the soul!

Thankfully would I leave all earth-ly things, to obtain rest, and a-biding happiness!

Then did I speak unto thee, not with a mortal voice, nor to thy mortal body, but to thy understanding; as follows— "Child of mortality, thy spirit cannot rest— come thou & follow me, and I will show thee a path, where-in true joys abound, and heavenly graces adorn thy way: Yea, if thou

"with forsake *all* thou shalt be *mine*,
"forever:— Thou shalt dwell in my
"kingdom of peace upon earth, & in
"*eternity*, rest in the mansions of
"eternal joys!

Then did thy spirit turn and followed the sound of my voice— I did then mark thee for my own, and gave thee power, and weapons to fight thy own battles, and overcome the enemy of thy soul—

This thou hast done, like a valiant Soldier, and gain'd thereby, a seal of my true love, peace & blessing.

Thou hast been chosen to stand in my kingdom, as a leader of my people, & a guadian

to my flock: —

Truly important is such a calling, but those who are faithful, will gain to themselves, honor in this work, & prepare for eternity, a never fading garment of righteousness.

" So my little Child, press ye on with courage; thou hast thus far, been a faithful servant according to thy privilege, a worthy heir of my love & blessing, and tho' still heavier scenes of tribulation may come upon thee, remember in true obedience, thou art Mine.

Receive ye this notice, with my true love, — and knowye, it was written, by my own hand, in the Valley of humility & the Mansion of Peace.

Mother Ann. —

To Sally Bushnell.